

repairs of all National Highways in Madhya Pradesh during 1999-2000 was Rs. 97.26 crore and Rs. 65.73 crore respectively.

(d) and (e) The proposals are in preliminary stage and as such no details can be given.

Widening of National Highways in Assam

3217. **SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:** Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance granted by the Central Government during the last three years to Assam for road widening works on National Highways;

(b) the present status of various National Highways in the State; and

(c) the necessary steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) National Highways are the responsibility of the Government of India therefore, there is no question of financial assistance for development of National Highways.

(b) Total length of National Highways in Assam is 2706 km out of which 742 km is single lane, 95 km intermediate lane and 1869 km is double lane.

(c) Development of National Highways is continuous process and projects are taken up depending upon availability of funds, traffic intensity and *inter-se* priority.

Bridges on National Highways in Tamil Nadu

3218. **SHRI R. MARGABANDU:** Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bridges constructed on National Highways in Tamil Nadu during the last two years;

(b) the number of bridges which are going to be constructed during the current year; and

(c) the details thereof?